

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, Military Construction Appropriations, and VA/HUD Appropriations.

The House passed H.R. 1853, Carl D. Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Defense; Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7785-S7878

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1045-1053. Pages S7862-63

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1048, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105-55)

H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-56) Page S7862

Measures Passed:

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1998: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 191), Senate passed S. 1023, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S7785-S7803

Adopted:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 190), Campbell (for DeWine) Amendment No. 936, to prohibit the use of funds to pay for an abortion or pay for the administrative expenses in connection with certain health plans that provide coverage for abortions.

Pages S7787-90

Kohl (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 937, to strike provisions prohibiting the use of appropriated

funds for the sole source procurement of energy conservation measures. (By 35 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 189), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S7786-87

Military Construction Appropriations, 1998: By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 192), Senate passed H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S7814-23

Burns (for Ford/McConnell) Amendment No. 946, to clarify the availability of funds for activities under the lease of Building No. 1, Lexington, Blue Grass Station, Lexington, Kentucky. Pages S7818, S7821

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Burns, Hutchison, Faircloth, Craig, Stevens, Murray, Reid, Inouye, and Byrd. Page S7823

VA/HUD Appropriations, 1998: By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 194), Senate passed H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1034, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S7803-12, S7823-57

Adopted:

Graham Amendment No. 948, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should consider legislation concerning catastrophic natural disasters.

Pages S7825–26

Wellstone/Mikulski Amendment No. 949, to state the sense of the Senate regarding appropriations for discretionary activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in fiscal years 1999 through 2002.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 950, to provide for the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs to hold hearings to consider certain disease related legislation.

Pages S7827–30

Mikulski Amendment No. 951, to provide for increased funding for empowerment zones and enterprise communities.

Pages S7830–33

Bumpers Amendment No. 954, to earmark funds for a National Research Council report on the Space Station program.

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Bumpers Amendment No. 955, regarding J–1 visas for doctors at Veterans Administration hospitals.

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Bond Amendment No. 956, to enable the State of Florida to use prior EPA Title II funds for a grant for wastewater treatment.

Pages S7843–45

Bond (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 957, to limit the use of locality pay differential that would provide a pay increase to an employee transferred as a result of sexual harassment.

Pages S7843–45

Bond (for Gorton) Amendment No. 958, to limit participation in the Native American Housing Block Grants Program under certain conditions.

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Bond (for Shelby) Amendment No. 959, to make funds available for the Neutral Buoyancy Simulator program of NASA.

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Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 960, to make certain technical and clerical corrections.

Pages S7843, S7845

Rejected:

Bumpers Amendment No. 944, to reduce the appropriation for the implementation of the space station program for the purpose of terminating the program. (By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 193), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S7804–09, S7833–34, S7836–41

Withdrawn:

Allard Amendment No. 947, to make an amendment relating to the use of public housing operating funds to provide tenant-based assistance.

Pages S7826–27

D'Amato Amendment No. 952, to require reports by the Comptroller General on the allocation of health care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs under the Veterans Integrated Service Net-

work system and the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation system.

Pages S7834–36

Bumpers Amendment No. 953, to cap the cost of the Space Station.

Pages S7841–42

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Bond, Burns, Stevens, Shelby, Campbell, Craig, Cochran, Mikulski, Leahy, Lautenberg, Harkin, Boxer, and Byrd.

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Subsequently, S. 1034 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Agriculture Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1033, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, on Wednesday, July 23, 1998.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Philip Lader, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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Communications:

Pages S7861–62

Statements on Introduced Bills:

Pages S7863–69

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages S7869–70

Amendments Submitted:

Pages S7870–72

Authority for Committees:

Pages S7872–73

Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—194)

Pages S7787, S7790–91, S7823, S7841, S7857

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, July 23, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7878.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CLEAN AIR REGULATIONS AND AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of Environmental Protection Agency revisions to the national ambient air quality standards for ground-level ozone and particulate matter on the agriculture industry, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection

Agency; Phillip J. Wakelyn, National Cotton Council of America, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture Agricultural Air Quality Task Force, and Adam J. Sharp, American Farm Bureau Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert C. Junk, Jr., Pennsylvania Farmers Union, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION/ INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1048) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and

H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, with amendments.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

FEDERAL MASS TRANSIT PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the importance of the Federal mass transit program and proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, after receiving testimony from Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Derick Berlage, Montgomery County, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; John P. Poorman, Capital District Transportation Committee/Metropolitan Planning Organization, Albany, New York, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations; Edward Wytkind, Transportation Trades Department/AFL-CIO, William Millar, American Public Transit Association, Barbara Singleton, Community Transportation Association of America, Hank Dittmar, Surface Transportation Policy Project, Bernice Shepard, American Association of Retired Persons, and Nancy J. Smith, Project ACTION/National Easter Seals Society, all of Washington, D.C.; and Eugene J. Berardi, Jr., Adirondack Trailways, Kingston, New York, on behalf of the American Bus Association.

WARD VALLEY LAND TRANSFER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings to examine the Department of the Interior's review of the proposed transfer of federal land in Ward Valley to the State of California for use as a site for the disposal of commercially generated low-level radioactive waste, and S. 964, proposed Ward Valley Land Transfer Act, receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Representatives Bilbray and George Miller; Gary Jones, Acting Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; John Garamendi, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; and California Deputy Cabinet Secretary Michael A. Kahoe, Sacramento, on behalf of California Governor's Office and California Department of Health Services.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Stanley O. Roth, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Robb, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CENTRAL ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States foreign policy in the independent states of the Caucasus and Central Asia, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs; Caspar Weinberger, Forbes, Inc., Lt. Gen. William E. Odom, USA (Ret.), Hudson Institute, and Paul A. Goble, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, all of Washington, D.C.; and Martha Brill Olcott, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, on behalf of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee met in open and closed session to discuss certain immunity issues with regard to the special investigation on campaign financing, but made no announcements, and recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Frank M. Hull, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Joseph F. Bataillon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska,

Robert Charles Chambers, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, Janet C. Hall, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Christina A. Snyder, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Hull was introduced by Senators Coverdell and Cleland; Mr. Bataillon was introduced by Senators Hagel and Kerrey, Mr. Chambers was introduced by Senators Byrd and Rockefeller, Ms. Hall was introduced by Senators Dodd and Lieberman, and Ms. Snyder was introduced by Senator Feinstein.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine how information re-

lating to women's health care is communicated to women and their providers, and on proposed legislation to provide comprehensive patient protections through improved access to quality health plans and continued research in women's health issues, after receiving testimony from Vermont State Senator Barbara W. Snelling, Shelburne; Phyllis Greenberger, Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research, and Judith L. Lichtman, Women's Legal Defense Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Judith H. LaRosa, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the American Heart Association; Bradley A. Arrick, Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire; Gloria Feldt, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Phoenix, Arizona; and Mary J. O'Sullivan, University of Miami, Miami, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2205–2221; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 118, were introduced. Page H5569

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 192, providing for consideration of H.R. 2003, to reform the budget process and enforce the bipartisan balanced budget agreement of 1997 (H. Rept. 105–195); and

H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–196); and

H. Res. 193, providing for consideration of H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–197). Pages H5568–69

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5493

Recess: The House recessed at 1:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H5499

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Shackleford Banks, North Carolina Wild Horses Protection Act: H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Sea-

shore (passed by a recorded vote of 416 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 290); Pages H5501–03, H5544–45

Warner Canyon, Oregon Ski Hill Land Exchange Act of 1997: H.R. 1944, to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in the State of Oregon (passed by a recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 291); Pages H5503–04, H5545

Maintenance of Dams and Weirs in the Emigrant Wilderness: H.R. 1663, amended, to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93–632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law (passed by a recorded vote of 424 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 292); Pages H5504–05, H5545–46

Trademark Law Treaty Implementation Act: H.R. 1661, amended, to implement the provisions of the Trademark Law Treaty (passed by a recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 293); Pages H5505–07, H5546–47

Lasting Peace and Stability on Cyprus: H. Con. Res. 81, amended, calling for a United States initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the situation on Cyprus (agreed to by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 294); Pages H5507–11, H5547

Democratic Elections In El Salvador: H. Con. Res. 88, congratulating the Government and the

people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 16, 1997 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 419 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 295); **Pages H5511-13, H5547-48**

Coup d'Etat In Sierra Leone: H. Con. Res. 99, expressing concern over recent events in the Republic of Sierra Leone in the wake of the recent military coup d'etat of that country's first democratically elected president (agreed to by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 1 no, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 297); **Pages H5513-15, H5549-50**

European Commission Re Merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas: H. Res. 191, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the interference of the European Commission in the merger of the Boeing Company and McDonnell Douglas (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 298); and

Pages H5517-21, H5550

Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act: H.R. 1585, amended, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps (passed by a recorded vote of 422 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 299. Agreed to amend the title). **Pages H5521-26, H5550-51**

Suspension Failed—Republic of Congo: H. Res. 175, amended, expressing concern over the outbreak of violence in the Republic of Congo and the resulting threat to scheduled elections and constitutional government in that country (with two-thirds required for passage, failed to agree by a recorded vote of 279 ayes to 147 noes, Roll No. 296).

Pages H5515-17, H5548-49

Carl D. Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act: By a ye and nay vote of 414 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 289, the House passed H.R. 1853, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act. The House completed debate and began considering amendments on July 17.

Pages H5526-44

By a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 289, rejected the Mink of Hawaii motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that require states that fund programs for homemakers, single parents, and pregnant women and programs that promote gender equity to be funded at the same level as in fiscal year 1997.

Pages H5541-43

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended.

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Agreed To:

The Klink amendment that requires States to make available to the general public its report submitted to the Secretary of Education concerning its performance on vocational-technical education benchmarks. **Pages H5533-34**

Rejected:

The Mink amendment that sought to require states that fund programs for homemakers, single parents, and pregnant women and programs that promote gender equity to be funded at the same level as in fiscal year 1997 (rejected by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 286); and

Pages H5526-33, H5538-39

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to establish an on-site workforce development coordinator (rejected by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 287). **Pages H5534-37, H5539-40**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5544**

H. Res. 187, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 17.

Pages H5413-14

Agriculture Appropriations: The House continued consideration of H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed debate and considered amendments on July 16 and July 17.

Pages H5551-62

Amendment Pending:

The Obey amendment was offered that seeks to reduce crop insurance program funding by \$36 million and increase Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funding by \$23.7 million. **Pages H5553-62**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23 and reconvened at 12:21 a.m.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5493.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5570-78.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5539, H5539-40, H5542-43, H5543-44, H5544-45, H5545, H5546, H5546-47, H5547, H5548, H5548-49, H5549-50, H5550, and H5550-51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12:22 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH— REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSALS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing on reauthorization proposals in agricultural research. Testimony was heard from Bob Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE; LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION; AND COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Defense; Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government began markup of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning continued hearings on H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998. Testimony was heard from David Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

The Committee also approved a motion to authorize the Chairman to make motions on the House Floor under Rule XX, relative to H.R. 1757, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, and European Security Act of 1997.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— RESTORING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 78, proposing

an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom. Testimony was heard from Representatives Istook, Edwards, Campbell, Capps and Bishop; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following: H.R. 218, Community Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 339, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry certain concealed firearms in the State, and to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns; and the Law Enforcement and Community Protection Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on the operation and maintenance financial management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Jack L. Brock, Director, Defense Information and Financial Management Systems; and Sharon Cekala, Associate Director, Military Operations and Capabilities; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Alice C. Maroni, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Comptroller); Helen T. McCoy, Assistant Secretary, Army (Financial Management and Comptroller); D. P. Christie, Assistant Secretary, Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller); and Robert F. Hale, Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller).

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1309, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, CO, and the Water Supply and Storage Co. to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas; and H.R. 1843, Local Free Access Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Allard; Robert C. Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Douglass P. Teschner, member, House of Representatives, State of New Hampshire; LaVere Nelson, Mayor, Greeley, Colorado; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1635, to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program; H.R. 755, to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate any portion of their income tax overpayments, and to make other contributions for the benefit of units of the National Park System; H.R. 1718, to provide for the conveyance of certain lands in Wyoming to the County of Park, WY; and H.R. 708, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stokes, Portman, Duncan and Cubin; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Denis P. Galvin, Acting Deputy Director, National Park Service; and Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FY 1997

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule provides that no further amendments shall be in order except: those amendments printed before July 22, 1997 in the Congressional Record; the amendments printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 21, 22, and 23; and the amendment by Representative Obey pending when the Committee of the Whole rose on July 22, 1997. The rule provides that each amendment made in order shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for 10 minutes (except as otherwise specified in section 2 of the rule) equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule also provides that after a motion that the Committee rise has been rejected on a day, another such motion on that day may be entertained only if offered by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations or the Majority Leader or their designee. The rule provides that after a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill has been rejected, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may not entertain another such motion during further consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

BUDGET ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1997

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 2003, to reform the budget process and enforce the bipartisan balanced budget agreement of 1997, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided between Representative Barton of Texas and an opponent. The rule also provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Nussle, Neumann, Bunning, Barton of Texas, Castle, Wamp, Minge, Tanner, Stenholm, Evans, Boyd, and Tauscher.

HUMAN CLONING RESEARCH—FEDERAL FUNDING PROHIBITION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on the Prohibition of Federal Funding for Human Cloning Research. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; PROSPECTUSES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Grounds and Economic Development approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 29, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, NY, as the "Ronald H. Brown Federal Building"; H.R. 81, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, IN, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse"; H.R. 548, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, NY, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse"; H.R. 595, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, GA, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; H.R. 613, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 100 Alabama Street NW, in Atlanta, GA, as the "Sam Nunn Federal Center"; H.R. 643, to designate the U.S. courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, OH, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse"; H.R. 824, to redesignate the Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Howard T. Markey National Courts Building"; H.R. 892, amended, to redesignate the Federal building located at 223 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, MS, as the "Aaron Henry United States Post Office"; H.R. 962, to redesignate a Federal building in Suitland, MD, as the "W. Edwards Deming Federal Building"; H.R. 994, to designate the U.S. border station located in Pharr, TX, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station"; H.R. 1479, amended, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 300 Northeast

First Avenue in Miami, FL, as the "David W. Dyer Federal Courthouse"; H.R. 1484, amended, to redesignate the Dublin Federal courthouse building located in Dublin, GA, as the "J. Roy Rowland Federal Courthouse"; H.R. 1502, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 301 West Main Street in Benton, IL, as the "James L. Foreman United States Courthouse"; H.R. 1851, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 200 South Washington Street in Alexandria, VA, as the "Martin V.B. Bostetter, Jr., U.S. Courthouse"; H. Con. Res. 98, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Safe Kids Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check; 5 Courthouse Design prospectuses; 2 amending Committee Resolutions, 3 Miscellaneous Construction Prospectuses and 2 11(b) Resolutions.

FREE TRADE AREA OF THE AMERICAS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Free Trade Area of the Americas. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe, Campbell and Farr; Jeffrey Davidow, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, Department of State; Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

INFORMATION OPERATIONS BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on information operations. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on the nominations of Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety, and Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to resume hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the Departments of Health, Human Services, and Public Works, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the Federal Reserve's monetary policy report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Jane Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings to examine natural gas issues, focusing on the world energy supply and demand to the year 2015, the role of government in large scale gas projects in foreign countries, and emerging technologies in gas field development that are making natural gas more economical to market, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to authorize funds for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, and to mark up S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 1020, proposed Arts and Humanities Amendments of 1997, S. 1046, proposed National Science Foundation Authorization of 1997, proposed Workforce Improvement Partnership Act, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

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Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's proposal to lift the prohibition on agricultural trade options, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1262, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1839, National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 2032, to make correct certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing to examine the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's reinvention project, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Iran Libya Sanctions Act—One Year Later, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Microcredit and Microenterprise: The Road to Self-Reliance, 2 p.m. 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 1109, to amend the Immigration and Nationality

Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States; H.R. 1348, Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997; H.R. 2027, to provide for the revision of the requirements for a Canadian border boat landing permit pursuant to section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and to require the Attorney General to report to the Congress on the impact of such revision; H.R. 2181, Witness Protection and Interstate Relocation Act of 1997; and private measures, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on Science, Math Engineering and Technology Education, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: H.R. 2036, Aviation Insurance Reauthorization Act of 1997; H.R. 2005, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents; H.R. 2204, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997; Water Resources Survey Resolutions; Ocean Pollution Reduction Act of 1997; H.R. 29, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, NY, as the "Ronald H. Brown Federal Building"; H.R. 81, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, IN, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse"; H.R. 548, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, NY, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse"; H.R. 595, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, GA, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; H.R. 613, to designate the Federal building located at 100 Alabama Street NW, in Atlanta, GA, as the "Sam Nunn Federal Center"; H.R. 643, to designate the U.S. courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, OH, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse"; H.R. 824, to redesignate the

Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Howard T. Markey National Courts Building"; H.R. 892, to redesignate the Federal building located at 223 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, MS, as the "Aaron Henry United States Post Office"; H.R. 962, to redesignate a Federal building in Suitland, MD, as the "W. Edwards Deming Federal Building"; H.R. 994, to designate the U.S. border station located in Pharr, TX, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station"; H.R. 1479, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 300 Northeast First Avenue in Miami, FL, as the "David W. Dyer Federal Courthouse"; H.R. 1484, to redesignate the Dublin Federal courthouse building located in Dublin, GA, as the "J. Roy Rowland Federal Courthouse"; H.R. 1502, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 301 West Main Street in Benton, IL, as the "James L. Foreman United States Courthouse"; H.R. 1851, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 200 South Washington Street in Alexandria, VA, as the "Martin V.B. Bostetter, Jr., U.S. Courthouse"; H. Con. Res. 98, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Safe Kids Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check; Courthouse Design Prospectuses from fiscal year 1997; Amendments to two prior Committee resolutions; Construction Prospectuses; and two 11(b) Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Barriers Preventing Social Security Disability Recipients from Returning to Work, 10:00 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the New Transatlantic Agenda, 2:00 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Foreign Counterintelligence Threat Against Congress, 4:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m. Wednesday, July 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of certain Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. 1033, Agriculture Appropriations, 1998.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 23

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2003, Budget Enforcement Act of 1997 (closed rule, 1 hour of debate);

Complete consideration of H.R. 2160, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (modified closed rule); and

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